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King Abdullah's Relations with the Exiles & His Followers

The present attitude of King Abdullah towards Haj Amin al Husseini and his followers, some of whom are anxious to return to Jordan, is described in the attached report from our Amman representative. His report, dated early February, is from a reliable informant, who was quoting one of the Jordan delegates to the recent Arab League meetings in Cairo, whose identity is known to us.

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Towards a Reconciliation between King ABDULLAH
and the Followers in Egypt of Haj Amin el HUSSEINI.

While in CAIRO members of the JORDAN delegation to the meeting of the Arab League established personal contact with certain of the followers of Haj Amin el HUSSEINI, the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM. Samir Pasha RIPA'I, JORDAN Prime Minister and leader of the delegation, forbade direct contact with Haj Amin himself lest the latter should exploit such a meeting in order to re-establish his prestige.

2. Ahmed Pasha HILMI, Prime Minister of the "GAZA Government", and Abdullah el TEL, ex-Military Governor of JERUSALEM, both asked the JORDAN delegates to intercede with King ABDULLAH so that they might be allowed to return to JORDAN. Is-haq DARWISH, and others of the ex-Mufti's entourage whose names are not known to source, followed suit. All complained of their inconsiderate treatment by Haj Amin.

3. The JORDAN delegation returned to AMMAN on 3rd February and dined that night with King ABDULLAH. During dinner the delegates - excluding Samir Pasha - raised with the King the question of the ex-Mufti's supporters returning to JORDAN. The King welcomed the

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idea and said that he would be prepared to pardon Abdullah el TEL if the latter repudiated his articles in the Egyptian Press. Here Samir suggested that this matter could best be dealt with on TEL's return to AMMAN; the King agreed and told Samir to give TEL an important position in the Government.

4. The King went on to say that he would welcome in JORDAN not only HILMI Pasha and any others who wanted to come, but even Haj Amin himself; he could not understand why the latter continued to evince such hatred for JORDAN, and said that he would not hesitate to embrace the ex-Mufti should he meet him face-to-face.

5. The delegates afterwards agreed to form a committee which would contact HILMI, TEL, and any others who wished to return.
